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Excise Tax Advisory

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SALES OF QUARTER HORSES

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Is the retail sales tax applicable to sales of Quarter Horses?

The taxpayer claimed that a retail sales tax exemption upon the sale of Quarter Horses was provided by RCW 82.08.030(9). This section allows a retail sales tax exemption upon the following:

Sales of purebred livestock for breeding purposes where the animals are registered in a nationally recognized breed association.

The department concluded that the retail sales tax is not applicable to the sale of a purebred Quarter Horse, registered in the American Quarter Horse Association when the animal is sold primarily for breeding purposes, and not otherwise. The Quarter Horse is a purebred animal within the meaning of the code. This animal has specific characteristics, colors, and markings, and is generally recognized as a definite breed of horse, similar to Arabians and Thoroughbreds. Moreover, the American Quarter Horse Association is a nationally recognized breed association within the meaning of the statutory language.

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